



PATENT  
Docket No. 2369/31

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2881**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Haroon AHMED, et al.  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2003, the due date being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please reconsider the rejections based on the following remarks. A copy of the pending claims is set forth below.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for producing a flux of charge carriers comprising:  
a source which comprises an emitter having a nanometre scale tip radius on a